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METHOD FOR ANTICIPATING, DELAYING AND/OR PREVENTING THE RISK OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION AND/OR EXPLOSION

OF AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, said period of response being extended from September 2, 2004 to December 2, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$490.00 to cover the required extension fee for a Small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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